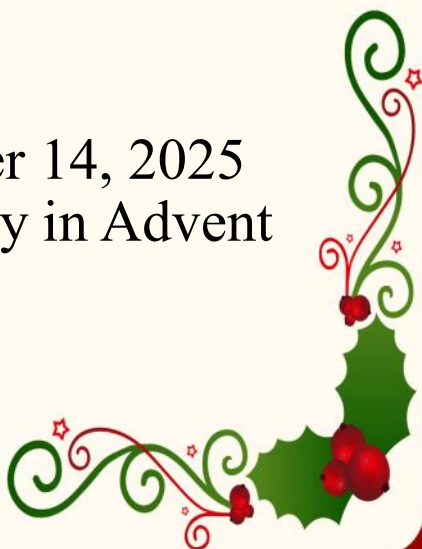




**Favorite Christmas  
Selections  
Through the Years**

**By LaRue C. Sheetz**

December 14, 2025  
3rd Sunday in Advent



**Good Morning and welcome! We invite you to worship with us often, and ask if you need any assistance! If you are visiting us today, please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex, please include your address and phone number. Please place your offering envelope in the plate in the Narthex. Thank You! Please join us for a Potluck Luncheon following this Cantata.**

**Remember in your prayers:**

Lynn Wolfgang, Oscar & Angie Smith, Erika Zaiser, Brandon Stauffer, Betty Moore, Barbara Stewart, Kathy Gamler, Bill Brensinger, Richard Eck, Becky Yescavage, BillyRay Pearce, Sr., Kathy Sell, Dennis Brooke, Donna Day, Linda Allmendinger, Elaine Dotterer, Jeff Reitnauer, Ralph Rothenberger, Anna Spencer, RuthAnn Goode, Pete Schmoyer, John Logan, Carole Mest, Bob McElwee, Tammy Strunk, Mary Snyder, Wendy Bowers, Linda Bewley, Sherri Schaeffer, Tammy Kemp, Mike Wyda, Marcia Auge, Millie Merkel and Sandy Schaffer.

**Friends & Family:**

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, Martha Van Parys, Joyce Kemp, Linda Gilbert, Sandy Melcher, George Bayer, Dennis Weller, Dennis Groves, Ariel Kim, Tanner Antalosky & David Turner.

**Families of:**

Donald Hays, John Moore and Jean Daily.

**Also members, relatives and friends in the community who are serving in the military including:**

Christopher Heffner, BillyRay Pearce, Jr., Noah Heydt, Ben Rhode, Steven Herbst, David Crews, Jeff Lydic, Seth Kurtz, Clinton Bowen, Eli Abner and Johnne Knepp.

**Our sister congregation**, the Marienkirche in Borna, Germany.  
(Website: [Kirche-bornaer-land.de](http://Kirche-bornaer-land.de))

**Please note, names of friends and family will be kept on the bulletin prayer list for one month. If still in need of prayers, these names will then appear in the newsletter prayer list. Names on the friends and family list will only be kept on the newsletter prayer list for one year, if needed. If you wish for names to remain longer, please speak to Pastor Gene, Linda Ritter or contact the church office. Thank you for helping us keep the prayer list current!**

**Today's Worship Assistants:**

Ushers: Dan & Kathy Kuser  
Pole Candles: Howard & Waynette Shafer

**The Cantata** is presented to the glory of God, and dedicated to Trinity's Director of Music, LaRue Sheetz, The Members past and present of Trinity's Cantata Choir, and all of the people who have heard and supported LaRue's Music Ministry through the years. May LaRue have health and happiness in her future endeavors.

**The Cantata Covers** are presented to the glory of God, by Mike & Maddy Wyda, to be dedicated to LaRue Sheetz, for the many Cantatas and Music, she has blessed us with.

**The Altar Flowers** are presented to the glory of God by Rick & Kathy Farrington, in Memory of their son Ricky Farrington and also in Memory of Kitty & Lee Buchert by The Family.

**The Bulletins** are presented to the glory of God, by Oscar & Angie Smith, in Memory of My Sister and Mother.

**Prelude Selections**      *Betsy Chapman*

**Announcements**              *Rev. Dr. Eugene Zaiser*

**Prayer of the People**      *Rev. Dr. Eugene Zaiser*

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**      WOV #630(vv. 1-3)  
"Light One Candle to Watch For Messiah"

**Favorite Christmas Selections**  
**"Through the Years"**  
**By LaRue C. Sheetz**

<b>Narration #1</b>	Randy Kehl
<b>Selection "Carol of the Bells"</b>	Adult Bell Choir
<b>Narration #2</b>	Maddy Wyda
<b>Vocal Selection "Ave Maria"</b>	Rebecca Shoemaker
<b>Narration #3</b>	Randy Kehl
<b>Selection "Away in a Manger"</b>	Great- Grandchildren Of LaRue Sheetz
<b>Narration #4</b>	Randy Kehl
<b>Vocal Duet "Silent Night"</b>	Rev. Dr. Eugene & Erika Zaiser
<b>Narration #5</b>	Maddy Wyda
<b>"A Song of Christmas Joy"</b>	Cantata Choir
<i>D. Hannibal</i>	
<b>Narration #6</b>	Randy Kehl
<b>"The Birthday of a King"</b>	Cantata Choir
<i>W. H. Neidlinger</i>	Soloist Drevyn Deskie
<b>Narration #7</b>	Maddy Wyda
<b>"Gesu' Bambino"</b>	Cantata Choir
<i>Pietro A. Yon</i>	
<b>Narration #8</b>	Randy Kehl
<b>"What Little Tiny Child?"</b>	Cantata Choir
<i>E. Schram</i>	

**Narration #9**  
**"African Noel"**  
**A. Thomas**

Maddy Wyda  
 Cantata Choir  
 Tambourine  
 Betsy Chapman

**Narration #10**  
**"The Little Drummer Boy"**  
**H. Simeone**

Randy Kehl  
 Cantata Choir  
 Ladies  
 Drummer Boy  
 Cooper Pence

**Narration #11**  
**"Hallelujah Chorus"**  
**G. Handel**

Maddy Wyda  
 Cantata Choir

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Eugene  
 Zaiser

**Closing Hymn w/Trumpet Kurt Yescavage**      LBW# 39  
**"Joy to the World"**

**Postlude**

**"Jubilate Deo"**  
**G. F. Handel**

**CANTATA CHOIR****SOPRANO**

Pat Beekley  
Linda Bewley  
Vanessa Deskie  
Eileen Heffner  
Karen Irely  
Jennifer McCarron  
Diane McElwee  
Vicki Jo Mest  
Pat Moser  
Sharon Renninger  
Janice Sheetz  
Rebecca Shoemaker  
Jennifer Smith  
Lynn Wolfgang  
Heidi Yescavage  
Catherine Yoder  
Erika Zaiser

**ALTO**

Mardell Blanford  
Betsy Chapman  
Sue Eddinger  
Lori Graef  
Sharon Kemp  
Linda Ritter  
Pam Vargo

**BASS**

Terry Kemp  
Rev. Dr. Eugene Zaiser

**TENOR**

Connor Deskie  
Drevyn Deskie  
Kurt Yescavage

DIRECTOR

LaRue C. Sheetz

PIANIST

Nadine Lydic

LaRUE SHEETZ

Great-Grandchildren

NARRATORS

Randy Kehl

Maddy Wyda

*A SPECIAL THANK YOU & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR THIS  
CANTATA:*

*TERRY KEMP, DENNIS SCHAEFFER AND HOWARD SHAFER FOR  
SETTING UP THE CANTATA CHAIRS EACH WEEK FOR  
REHEARSALS AND FOR THE WONDERFUL CHAIR SETUP FOR  
LaRUE.*

*WAYNETTE SHAFER FOR MAKING THE PINS FOR THE CANTATA  
CHOIR.*

*LaRUE C. SHEETZ, OUR DIRECTOR, WHO MADE THIS ALL  
POSSIBLE AND SPECIAL!*

*THANK YOU to Dennis Brooke and Shelly Fullwood and  
Family for sponsoring the Christmas Tree in Memory  
of Ruth Brooke and in Honor of Brady, Sallyann, and  
William Fullwood.*

*Thank You to Bobby Eshbach, Howard Shafer, and  
Dennis Schaeffer for transporting and setting up the  
tree and to everyone who helped to decorate the  
church for Christmas.*

*Please join us on Monday, January 5 at 6:00PM to  
take down Christmas decorations.*

*PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN ENCORE PRESENTATION OF THE  
CHRISTMAS CANTATA ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH AT 3:00PM*

## **December Update on Church Financial Status From The Finance Committee:**

The latest monthly report from the Treasurer's shows:

- The General Fund has a Negative Balance

- During November 2025, the General Fund decreased \$2,532 from \$949 to -\$1,583.

Please see the report and additional details including suggested action items from the Finance Committee in the Newsletter, which is available by mail or on the church website.

Questions or input? Kindly reach out to a Finance Committee member as listed in the monthly newsletter, or chairperson Kurt Yescavage.



**LUMINARIES – TODAY** is the last day to order luminaries for Christmas Eve. **Labeled luminaries** will be set out for the Christmas Eve services. Envelopes are available to reserve a luminary, one for \$3 or two for \$5, in honor or in memory of loved ones. Please place envelopes in offering plates.

**TODAY is the deadline for the January Newsletter** (week earlier due to Christmas week), please submit your information to Karen in the church office. The deadline for the Annual Report is Sunday, January 4th (if you need a copy of report from last year, please contact Karen in the Church Office.

**Prayer List:** Any changes to the prayer list, please contact Linda Ritter, Pastor Gene or the church office, in order for the change to be made in the January Newsletter.

**There will be a Cemetery Board Meeting Today, December 14 at 6PM. All members please make plans to attend.**

**All are invited to our Longest Night service on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7PM.** It is a service of comfort and healing for all who are trying to celebrate the holidays this year while in the midst of loss and grief. Those of you who have attended the service in other years know how beautiful and uplifting it is, so please make plans to attend.

**Christmas Card Bags for our Homebound Members** are now on the table in the Parish Hall until Sunday, December 21st, for the following: Linda Allmendinger, Richard Eck, Kathy Gamler, Janet Kehl, Dorothy Romig, Ralph Rothenberger, Barbara Stewart and Becky Yescavage.

**Christmas Eve Services: Please join us for services of candlelight and Holy Communion at 3 PM and 8 PM.**

**December 28, 2025 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas — Please join us at 10:30 for a sermon-in-song by Pastor Gene.**

**You may sponsor Altar Flowers, the cost is \$32.00 for one vase and \$64.00 for 2 vases, please contact Mary Snyder. If you wish to sponsor flowers and that date is not available, you can always sponsor an extra bouquet of flowers for \$40.00. When sponsoring flowers, please use a flower envelope found in the rack in the narthex or clearly mark the envelope “Flowers”. If you sponsored flowers in the past but no longer wish to, please let Mary Snyder 610-473-8885 or the church office know. You may also sponsor the bulletins for \$15.00 per week, this helps offset the cost of printing them.**

**Trinity's Gift Card Program** - Gift card orders are accepted before and after the church service the first Sunday of each month and distributed the second Sunday. Order forms for Redners, Giant and Raise Right (for other retail gift cards) are available in the narthex. The Raise Right order form is also available for download on Trinity's website. Payment must be submitted with your order. **Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and include your phone number on your order form.** If you have any questions regarding this fund raising program please see Sharon Kemp, Kathy Kuser or Kurt Yescavage.

**WAWA Hoagie Coupons** Available 1st Sunday of the month at the Scrip Table. Coupons are also available in the church office Monday—Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00PM. Tickets are \$5.00. This project benefits the Social Ministry.

**Scout Troop 511 Hoagie Sales: Orders are due by Tuesday, January 6th and pick up will be Wednesday, January 14th.** 8" hoagies are made from Dan's Deli, **Cost is \$7.00.** There are ham w/onion, ham no onion, turkey w/ onion, turkey no onion, Italian w/onion, Italian no onion, cheese hoagie w/ onion, cheese hoagie no onion, mayo, Italian dressing, no tomatoes, no lettuce, no cheese. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**Winter Weather** In the event of inclement winter weather, news of cancellations or postponements of church activities will be posted on the following: 1) Channel 69 2) Online at WFMZ.com, or log on to the Trinity's website: [www.trinitybech.com](http://www.trinitybech.com)

**Coffee Hour** - Volunteers are needed to host Coffee Hour for January & February. Please sign up for this time of Fellowship. The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**The 2026 General Fund Envelopes are on the table in the Parish Hall, please pick up your envelopes.**

**The Updated Church Directory is on the table in the Narthex, please take one.**

**Bibles are available in the rack in the Narthex for you to reference during worship. You may also take home to reference, please return when you are finished.**

**HOSPITAL INPATIENT STAY:** Please contact Pastor Gene if you are admitted to the hospital and would like a visit, due to privacy laws, the hospital no longer contacts the church.

**Social Ministry provides meals for shut-ins/members who are in need of meals. If a meal is needed, please contact Kathy Kuser at 610-754-6293.**

**Need a ride?** We have volunteers in the congregation who are willing to provide transportation to medical appointments, etc., for those who can't find a ride. Please contact Pastor Gene 610-322-0901 if you need a ride or would like to volunteer as a driver.

### **Monthly Free-will Offerings 2025**

December – No free-will offering. Thank you for supporting the various Christmas giving opportunities.

**Trinity's events for the upcoming week:**

Sunday, December 14th-	9:15 Sunday School
	10:30 Cantata
	Potluck Luncheon
	6:00 Cemetery Board
	Mtg.
Monday, December 15th-	10:00 Cantata Party
	Set Up
	6:00 Cantata Party
	6:30 Scouts
Tuesday, December 16th-	6:30 Scouts
Thursday, December 18th-	7:00 Longest Night
	Service
	Sr. Choir Practice
Sunday, December 21st-	8:00 Cont. Worship
	Service
	9:15 Sunday School
	10:30 Worship Service
	w/Communion

**Next Week's Worship Assistants:**

**Sunday, December 21st:**

Assisting Minister: Jenn McCarron  
 Server: Linda Ritter  
 Ushers: Kay McGowan\* & Linda Brunner  
 Lector: Sheila Eddinger  
 Acolyte: Erika Zaiser

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS: 12/07/2025**

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>		
<u>Worship/S.S.</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>	<u>Scrip</u>
59/14	\$3,009.00	\$15.00	\$18,445.
	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Bldg. Maint.</u>	
	\$50.00	\$80.00	

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE**

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	
<u>Worship</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>
19	\$5,090.00	\$55.00
	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Bldg. Maint.</u>
	0	\$150.00

<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Total Offering</u>
78	\$8,099.00

## **The Community Clothing Rack Schedule**

**1st Wednesday**  
Donations Accepted

**2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays**  
Shoppers Welcome

**2nd Thursday**  
Shoppers Welcome  
6:00PM-8:00PM

**5th Wednesday**  
CLOSED

**Hours**  
**1:00PM-4:00PM**

**Summer Hours Only**  
**June-August**  
**9:00AM-12:00PM**

Closed on all major holidays.  
In the case of inclement weather,  
Refer to Boyertown Area School district closure.  
CCR is a ministry of St. Luke Lutheran Church  
Our mission is to serve Jesus Christ by providing  
necessary clothing to the underserved.

[www.StLukeGilbertsville.org](http://www.StLukeGilbertsville.org)

## **Readings for Personal Devotion**



M	Isaiah 29:17-24
T	Ezekiel 47:1-12
W	Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34
Th	Zechariah 8:1-17
F	Acts 5:12-16
Sa	Psalms 42

## **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

The Rev. Dr. Eugene C. Zaiser, DMin.,  
Pastor

Ms. LaRue Sheetz, Director of Music

Mrs. Karen J. Smith, Parish Secretary

Mrs. Catherine M. Yoder, Sexton

The Members of this Congregation are its  
Ministers

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9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
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- 1 *Toda la tierra espera al Salvador  
y el surco abierto, la obra del Señor;  
es el mundo que lucha por la libertad,  
reclama justicia y busca la verdad.*
- 2 *Dice el profeta al pueblo de Israel:  
"De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel,"  
será "Dios con nosotros," hermano será,  
con él la esperanza al mundo volverá.*
- 3 *Montes y valles habrá que preparar;  
nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar.  
Él está ya muy cerca, venido a encontrar,  
y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.*
- 4 *En una cueva Jesús apareció,  
pero en el mundo está presente hoy.  
Vive en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está;  
y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.*

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Music: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; arr. Skinner Chávez-Melo, b. 1944-1992

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## Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah 630



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!



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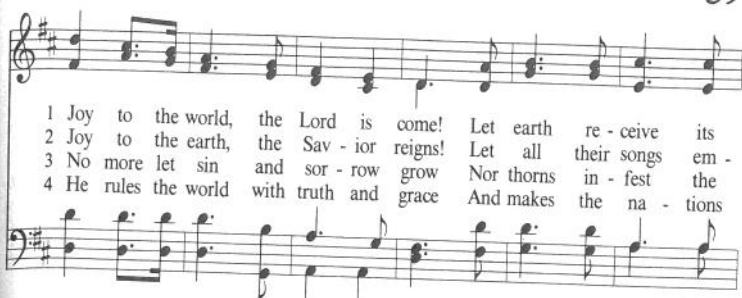
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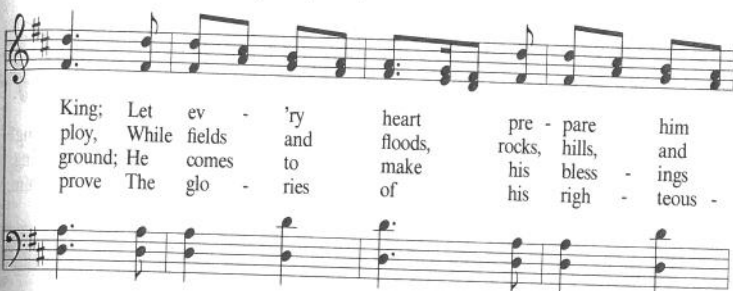
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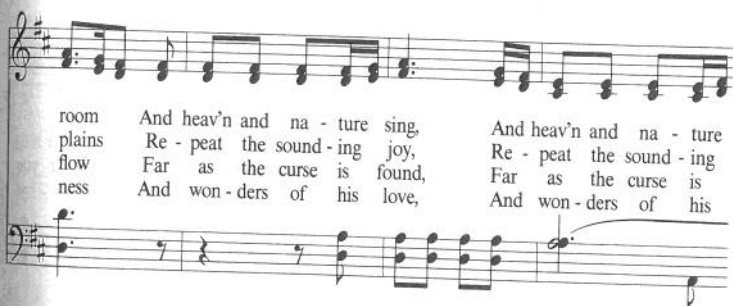
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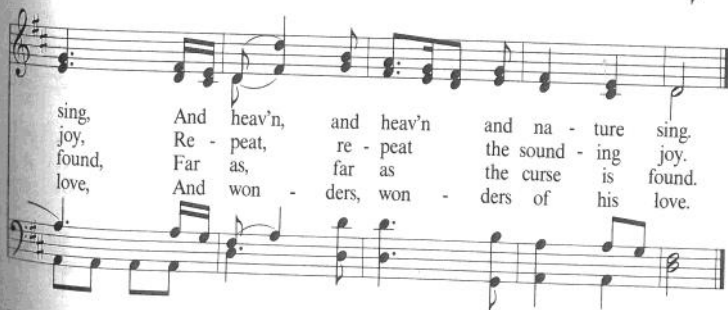
1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive its  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs em -  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions

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King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
play, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
ground; He comes to make his bless - ings  
prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -

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room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
ness And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
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found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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Rev. Isaac Watts, 1674-1748  
Tune: George F. Handel, 1685-1759, adap.

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